

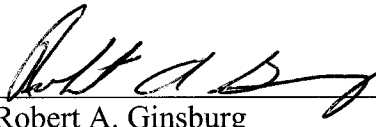
MEMORANDUM

Not On
Agenda Item No. 10(A)(19)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** November 30, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Resolution urging Governor to reinstate funding for the Cuban and Haitian Refugee Crime and Victimization Initiative Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.


Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

RAG/bw



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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☒ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☒ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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Agenda Item No. 10(A)(19)
11-30-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO REINSTATE FUNDING FOR
THE CUBAN AND HAITIAN REFUGEE CRIME AND
VICTIMIZATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Cuban and Haitian Refugee Crime and Victimization Initiative (“the Initiative”) is a collection of social services for Cuban and Haitian refugees; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative provides neighborhood-based services through four (4) offices in areas of the County with large refugee populations: Hialeah, Homestead, Little Haiti and North Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative provides community education, including focus groups, radio broadcasts and community forums, neighborhood crime watch projects, life-skill workshops and after-school tutorials for at-risk youths; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has recently been notified that the Florida Department of Children and Families has reduced funding for the Initiative by \$278,000 from \$1,553,000 to \$1,275,000; and

WHEREAS, this funding reduction will result in (i) the loss of ten (10) Initiative positions, (ii) a reduction in the size of the Little Haiti office, and (iii) the closure of the Hialeah office; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban and Haitian refugee communities are in need of the assistance provided by the Initiative now more than ever,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Governor, Florida Legislature and the Department of Children and Families to restore state funding for the Cuban and Haitian Crime and Victimization Initiative.

Section 2. Directs the County's lobbyists to advocate for the reinstatement of funding for the Initiative, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the state legislative package.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, and the Director of the Department of Children and Families.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30th day of November, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty